§ 3001.63 Filing of prepared direct evidence.

(a) *General requirements.* Simultaneously with the filing of the formal request for a recommended decision under this subpart, the Postal Service shall file all of the prepared direct evidence upon which it proposes to rely in the proceeding on the record before the Commission to establish that the mail classification schedule or changes therein proposed by the Postal Service are in accordance with the policies and the applicable criteria of the Act. Such prepared direct evidence shall be in the form of prepared written testimony and documentary exhibits which shall be filed in accordance with § 3001.31.

(b) *Requests affecting more than one subclass.* Each formal request filed under this subpart affecting more than one subclass or special service is subject to the requirements of § 3001.53(b) and (c).

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§ 3001.64 Contents of formal requests.

(a) *General requirements.* (1) Each formal request filed under this subpart shall include such information and data and such statements of reasons and bases as are necessary and appropriate fully to inform the Commission and the parties of the nature, scope, significance, and impact of the proposed new mail classification schedule or the proposed changes therein and to show that the mail classification schedule as proposed to be established or changed is in accordance with the policies and the applicable criteria of the Act. To the extent the information is available or can be made available without undue burden, each formal request shall include the information specified in paragraphs (b) through (h) of this section. If the required information is set forth in the Postal Service's prepared direct evidence, it shall be deemed to be part of the formal request without restatement.

(2) If any information required by paragraphs (b) through (h) of this section is not available and cannot be made available without undue burden, the request shall provide where reference is made to this paragraph, in lieu of such information, a statement explaining with particularity:

(i) The information which is not available or cannot be made available without undue burden;

(ii) The reason or reasons that each such item of information is not available and cannot be made available without undue burden;

(iii) The steps or actions which would be needed to make each such item of information available, together with an estimate of the time and expense required therefor;

(iv) Whether it is contemplated that each such item of information will be supplied in the future and, if so, at what time; and

(v) Whether reliable estimates are available where such information cannot be furnished and, if so, the specifics of such estimates.

(3) The provisions of paragraph (a)(2) of this section for the Postal Service to include in its formal request certain alternative information in lieu of that specified by paragraphs (b) through (h) of this section are not in derogation of the Commission's and the presiding officer's authority, pursuant to §§ 3001.23 through 3001.28, respecting the provision of information at a time following receipt of the formal request.

(4) The Commission may request information in addition to that required by paragraphs (b) through (h) of this section.

(b) *Classification and standards information.* (1) Every formal request shall include copies of the then effective Domestic Mail Classification Schedule and the proposed changes therein, including, in legislative format, all proposed changes in the schedules of rate or rates of postage and fee or fees for postal services that appear therein.

(2) The schedules required by paragraph (b)(1) of this section shall, for all classes and subclasses of mail and service, be in summary fashion and tariff-like form. (E.g., there shall be a specification of those rules, regulations, and practices which establish the conditions of mailability and the standards of service.) As a part thereof, the schedules shall specifically be addressed to such functions as mail pick-up and delivery, processing, and other similar functions.